GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Implementation of Price Support Scheme for Procurement of Jowar under Minimum Support Price (MSP) during Rabi 2019-20 – Appointment of A.P.MARKFED as State Nodal Agency – Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (MKTG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 295 Dated: 03-04-2020

Read the following:-

1. G.O.MS No.15, CA,F&CS (CS.I) Department, dated 19-05-2015.
2. G.O.RT.No.641, A&C (Agri.III) Department, dated 23-10-2017.
3. Minimum Support Price declared by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare for 2019-20.
4. G.O.MS No.27, A&C (Mktg.II) Department, dated 09-01-2020.
5. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P Guntur, Letter No. Stat (1) 74/2019, Dated 26.2.2020
6. From the MD, A.P MARKFED, letter No. P&M/Jowar/MSP/RMS/2019-20, dated 03.03.2020.

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ORDER:

In the Government Orders 1st & 2nd read above, the guidelines for MSP operations of Coarse grains were communicated to the Nodal Agency.

2. In the letter 6th read above, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada has informed that, the Department of Agriculture vide letter 5th read above, communicated the District wise Area, Yield & Production estimates, and expected Market arrival period for Coarse grains during Rabi 2019-20. As per that information furnished by the Department of the Agriculture the area under Jowar sown is 1,10,056 Ha and the expected Production is 4,33,623 MT's. The Government of India has declared the MSP for Jowar (Hybrid) is Rs.2550/- & Jowar (Maldindi) is Rs.2570/- per Quintal for the year 2019-20. As per the guidelines issued by the DFPD the GOI will give financial assistance for procurement of coarse grains under MSP provided that the procured coarse grains are distributed under PDS as Jowar is not distributed under PDS/other schemes. The procurement of Jowar under MSP has to be taken up in State Account.

3. The Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED has requested the State Government to nominate the A.P. MARKFED as Nodal Agency and to accord permission to procure 1.50 Lakh MT's of Jowar under MSP during Rabi 2019-20 in the State Government Account. Further, Managing Director, AP Markfed has requested to arrange the required funds from PSF and accord permission to raise the funds by way of loans from the Banks.

4. The Government after careful examination of the proposal and considering the exigency to procure Jowar to ensure that farmers get remunerative price and relive them from distress sale, hereby nominate the AP Markfed as Nodal Agency for procurement of 1.50 Lakh MT's of Jowar under Price Support Scheme on MSP during Rabi 2019-20 with the following modalities:-

1. The MSP fixed by the Government of the India for 2019-20 for FAQ Jowar is Jowar (Hybrid) is Rs.2550/- & Jowar (Maldindi) is Rs.2570/- per Quintal shall be implemented by the Nodal Agency.

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2. The procurement period will be from 17-3-2020 to 15.06.2020.

3. The procurement centers will be decided by the District Administration in the DLPC meeting as per the area and production details given by the Department of Agriculture.

4. The stocks will be procured directly from the farmers who are registered in e-Karshak portal of the Department of Agriculture during Rabi 2019-20.

5. The Government have also decided to involve good working District Co-operative Marketing Societies (DCMS), Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACSs) FPO's and Village Organizations and mandatorily include the Market Yards and Sub Yards for their procurement activities.

6. The Marketing Department shall position necessary equipments like tarpaulins, moisture meters, dryers, sieves, stitching machines, weighing scales etc., in the Market Yards and Sub-Yards and also at the identified procurement centres of DCMS/PACS/FPO'S/VOs. The Nodal Agency, the AP Markfed shall also inspect and ensure that the availability of necessary equipments at the purchase centers well in advance in order to make sure of availability of such equipments at the time of procurement.

7. The State Government will arrange the working capital for A.P. MARKFED for procurement of the requisite quantity of Jowar on MSP from Price Stabilisation Fund. In case of exigency to make timely payment to the farmers the A.P Markfed is permitted to raise the loans from the Banks and the interest amount shall be reimbursed from the State Government PSF.

8. At the Districts, under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector a committee shall be constituted with JDA, PD DRDA, DCO, DSO AD, Mktg. District Manager, AP Markfed, to ensure effective implementation of MSP operations of Jowar. This Committee shall also decide the Transportation/gunnies rates etc. for effective procurement operations, if the same are not finalized by the State Level Committee.

9. The Collectors shall provide all necessary assistance to the A.P. MARKFED in implementation of Jowar MSP operations.

10. The Warehousing Agencies viz; CWC/ SWC Authorized collateral Managing agencies like Star Agri/AWSL/NBHC etc. shall also provide space for storing the procured stocks of Jowar. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all the Warehouse Managers to record the accurate weighment, moisture etc., both at the time of depositing the stocks and at the time of delivery of the stocks. The Warehouse Managers of SWC/CWC/ shall verify the quality as per FAQ specifications and record the same as FAQ stocks in stock acknowledgement / receipts.

11. The payments of money to the farmers should be done by online payments only.

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12. Commission @2.5 on the procurement of Jowar will be provided to the purchasing agency ie A.P Markfed for conducting these operations in addition to the other administrative expenses involved thereof.

13. After completion of Jowar procurement in State Government account, A.P. MARKFED shall inform the State Level Procurement Committee to take a decision about the disposal of the procured Jowar stocks.

14. The AP MARKFED will be allowed incidental charges on actual basis, which include Godown charges, packing material, unloading /loading, commission, transportation, grading and packing stitching charges and hamali charges etc.

15. After disposal of the stocks the Managing Director, A.P MARKFED shall submit finalised accounts duly audited by the statutory auditor for reimbursement of losses incurred, if any in the transaction i.e. difference between the disposal by A.P. MARKFED shall be borne by the State Government from PSF.

5. This order does not require the concurrence of the Finance Department as per procurement policy issued vide reference 4th read above.

6. The Special Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, Andhra Pradesh State, Guntur and the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Andhra Pradesh State, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL SECRECTARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Special Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
The Managing Director, A.P MARKFED, Vijayawada.
The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, Guntur.
The Registrar Cooperative Societies, Andhra Pradesh State, Guntur.
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Andhra Pradesh State, Vijayawada.
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All Collectors / Joint Collectors / District Supply Officers.
The Spl. Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for (Fin & CS), A.P., Velagapudi.
The P. S to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Cooperation and Marketing.
PS to Spl. Secretary to Government, AM&C Department.
The Finance (FMU-AC-CS-AH) Department
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